

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the office action dated November 18, 2004.

The Examiner objected to the specification because it did not include a section entitled “Brief Summary of the Invention.” The applicant note that such a section is not a requirement of a patent application, but is instead optional. *See, e.g.* 37 CFR § 1.73 (“Such summary should, when set forth, be commensurate with the invention as claimed and any object recited should be that of the invention as claimed”)(emphasis added).

The Examiner objected to claims 25, 25, 31, and 32 for certain informalities. Each of these claims has been canceled.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-24, 26-19, and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Rothmuller et al., U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 2003/0033296. The Examiner rejected claims 25 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the combination of Rothmuller with Anderson et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,118,480 (claim 25) and Rothmuller with Toyofuku, U.S. Patent No. 6,741,278 (claim 31). Each of these claims has been canceled.

New claim 33 includes the limitation of “a browsing portion permitting a user to selectively increment said range by a selected one of a day and a month.” The applicant notes that Rothmuller et al. does not disclose this limitation. Referring to FIG. 4 of that reference, for example, the browsing system of Rothmuller seems to be merely capable of displaying a calendar-based browsing system where a user may select a month to be viewed. Claims 34-42 depend from claim 33 and also are distinguished over Rothmuller, et al.

New claim 43 includes the limitation of “said indicator being a thumbnail image of a file associated with said respective said date.” The applicant notes that Rothmuller et al. does not

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disclose this limitation. Referring to FIGS. 2 and 4 of that reference, for example, along with par. 24 of the specification, it appears that the reference merely discloses an indicator associated with a date, where the indicator is a generalized tag. Claims 44-45 depend from claim 33 and are also distinguished over Rothmuller, et al.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 22-52.

Respectfully submitted,



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